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FOLLOWING NHA TRANG TEL SENT MAR 10 ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON;
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: II CORPS COMMANDER REVIEWS THE SITUATION

1. THIS MORNING (MAR 10) CONSUL GENERAL CALLED ON MAJOR GENERAL PHU, II CORPS COMMANDER. HE WAS RED-EYED FROM LACK OF SLEEP, BUT VERY MUCH ON TOP OF THINGS. HE GAVE THE FOLLOMQING RUN-DOWN ON FIGHTING AROUND THE REGION.

2. BINH DINH

THE NVA 3RD DIVISION HAD CUT QL-19 AND WAS SEEKING TO ATTACK PHU CAT AND THE AIRBASE. THREE OF THE ARVN 22ND DIVISION'S REGIMENTS (47TH, 42ND, AND 41ST) ARE PUSHING THE ENEMY OUT IN

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THE BINH KHE-AN KHE AREA AND CLEARING

OUT PHU CAT.THE DIVISION'S
FOURTH REGIMENT (40TH) IS ALONG QL-1 TO THE NORTH.

3. PLEIKU

FURTHER WEST ALONG QL-19 IN THE SUOI DOI AREA OF LE TRUNG DISTRICT.
GENERAL PHU REPORTED THAT RVNAF FORCES HAD DESTROYED AN ENEMY
COMMAND POST AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES.

4. KHANH HOA

THE FIGHTING BY PROVINCIAL FORCES IN THE KHANH DUNG
AREA TO
REOPEN QL-21 SEEMED TO RATE FAIRLY LOW IN GENERAL PHU'S PRIORITIES;
HIS ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT THE OPERATION WAS PROGRESSING "SLOWLY".

5. QL-14

THE GENERAL WAS ANGRY WITH THE PHU BON RF AT THUAN MAN WHO HAD
DECAMPED WITHOUT PUTTING UP ANY RESISTANCE.

6. BAN ME THUOT

THE GENERAL SUPPLIED MUCH THE SAME INFORMATION COVERED IN NHA
TRANG'S 0142. WITH REGARD TO RELIEF FORCES, HE INDICATED THAT THE
21ST RANGER GROUP WAS BEING MOVED DOWN FROM BUON HO, THAT RF WERE
BEING PULLED BACK IN FROM BAN DON OUTPOST, (THERE HAVE BEEN TWO RF
BATTALIONS THERE) PLUS 2 BN OF THE 53RD ARVN REGT. IDENTIFIED
ENEMY UNITS ARE THE 4;MLOVAP FORCEHUAPPER BATTALION, THE 3RD BN
OF THE 25TH REGIMENT, AND THE LAM DONG ARTILLERY REGT.

7. QUANG DUC

THE DUC LAP DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS HAD TAKEN A TERRIFIC ARTILLERY
BARRAGE BUT FORCES THERE FOUGHT WELL BEFORE IT FELL, AND THE CORPS
COMMANDER ALSO REPORTED THAT DAK SONG WAS UNDER ATTACK.THE 22ND
AND 24TH RANGER RECONNAISSANCE UNITS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE PROVINCE
FROM THE RANGER TRAINING CENTER AT DUC MY. IDENTIFIED ENEMY UNIT
WAS THE 31ST ENGINEER BN FROM THE F-10 DIVISION.

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8. GENERAL

A. WITH HIS MAIN LOC'S CUT, GENERAL PHU IS HAVING TO RELY
HEAVILY ON CHINOOKS TO MOVE HIS REINFORCEMENTS.HE USUALLY
GETS 6 EACH MORNING, BUT THEY DROP TO ABOUT 2 BY THE END
OF THE DAY BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS.

B. HE HAS ASKED JGS SAIGON FOR ONE ADDITIONAL RANGER

GROUP AND 100 VNAF STRIKE SORTIES PER DAY. (HE GOT 60 YESTERDAY,
MAR 9). HE WILL BE ASKING FOR C2130'S NEXT WEEK FOR AERIAL
RESUPPLY OF CRITIC ITEMS. THERE ARE NO SPECIAL LOGISTIC PROBLEMS OR
AMMO SHORTAGES SO FAR.

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